

REMARKS

I. INTRODUCTION

In response to the Office Action dated October 19, 2005, claims 1, 8, and 13 have been amended, and claims 7 and 9 have been canceled. Claims 1-6, 8, and 10-13 remain in the application. Entry of these amendments, and re-consideration of the application, as amended, is requested.

II. CLAIM AMENDMENTS

Applicants' attorney has made amendments to the claims as indicated above. These amendments were made solely for the purpose of expediting prosecution of the present application, and with the intent of filing continuing applications directed at unallowed and unclaimed subject matter.

III. REMARKS

The Final Office Action dated October 19, 2005 indicates that claims 7 and 9 would be allowable if written in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

The Applicants have amended the claims to bring incorporate the features of claim 7 into claim 1 and those of claim 9 into claim 8. Claim 13 has also been amended to recite the features of claim 7. The Applicants therefore respectfully request that these claims be allowed.

IV. CONCLUSION

In view of the above, it is submitted that this application is now in good order for allowance and such allowance is respectfully solicited. Should the Examiner believe minor matters still remain that can be resolved in a telephone interview, the Examiner is urged to call Applicants' undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,

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